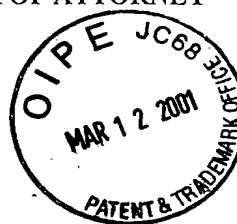


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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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- ☒ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental
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☐ divisional ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part



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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
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I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of the application identified above in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

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As a named inventor, I appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23548.



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